


<b>UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL</b>  (Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b))	Attorney Docket No. 112056-0099	
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	Title	SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR RELIABLE PEER COMMUNICATION IN A CLUSTERED STORAGE SYSTEM
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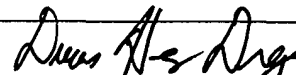
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## FEE CALCULATION

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Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
		1001	750	Utility filing fee	750
		1002	330	Design filing fee	
		1003	520	Plant filing fee	
		1004	750	Reissue filing fee	
		1005	160	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)					750

### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
28	20**	8	144
Independent Claims	6	3**	252
Multiple Dependent			0

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
		1202	18	Claims in excess of 20	
		1201	84	Independent claims in excess of 3	
		1203	280	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
		1204	84	**Reissue independent claims over original patent	
		1205	18	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
SUBTOTAL (2)					396

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1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English Specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	410	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal	
1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,300	2453	650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,300	2501	650	Utility Issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	470	2502	235	Design Issue fee	
1503	630	2503	315	Plant Issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
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1809	750	2809	375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810	750	2810	375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	750	2801	375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
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SUBTOTAL (3)					40

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COMMUNICATION IN A CLUSTERED STORAGE SYSTEM**Atty Docket Number **112056-0099**

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

July 18, 2003

Date



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